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The Upper House.

The Washington correspondent of be preceded by a visit to Europe by Colonel House,"

A statement of this character from the representative of a newspaper which has been one of the most ardent of the President's supporters must be deemed at least semi-official. It will probably be passed over by most renders as a statement of little importance. We have become so accustomed to thinking of Colonel House as a secret emissary of the President to foreign princes, potentates and Powers that we accept his strange and unwarranted relation to the Government as a matter of course. In reality, it is a serious usurpation of power.

To say that any move for peace by President Wilson will be preceded by a visit of Colonel House to Europe is to say that he will go abroad as the private agent of the President. A man cannot be made postmaster at Oshkosh or a first lieutenant in the Porto Rico infantry without the express approval of the Senate of the United States; but according to President Wilson's ideas of the powers of the Chief Executive he may depute a personal and confidential friend of his own independent selection secretly to represent the interests and wishes of the people of this great nation in an effort on the part of the Government to end the war!

Over notions of constitutional limitations have proceeded from the professorial chair at Princeton. We had supposed that any communications which this nation desired to make to the rulers of foreign lands were to be made through the duly accredited Am-

such secret missions are inconsistent with the spirit of American institutions. Whatever we have to say about proper time comes, should be said openly and aboveboard, and by officers commissioned by the American people to speak in their behalf.

per House in our system of govern-

Good Roads and Land Values. Joining farms.

in New York, Texas, Alabama and equally trustworthy will come. Mississippi. The estimate was made

over 1910 values; 1.451 acres sold in cessor are not founded in error or to murmur Virgil to himself; 1914 had increased in value \$28,000, based in ignorance. In Joseph the or 80 per cent. In Lee county farms democratic faith is justified; and for in Wise an increase from an average should give thanks. of \$49.06 to \$79.44. In Lauderdale county, Mississippi, the total assessed valuation outside of the city increased more than 15 per cent. In Dallas other the high cost of living appears county, Alabama, the road improvewithin half a mile of the road.

change from earth, sandy and loam port of food.

an acre to the price of adjoining land, more than twice the value of the bonds. The result of the investigation is THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1916, I summarized in the statement that the improvement of the main market roads increased the price of tillable land served by the roads to from one to three times the cost of the improvements. From this showing it would seem that failure of a community to take advantage of this means of its betterment is not only neglect of its comforts and enjoy ment, but a sure medium of advancing its financial growth and development

Admiral Beatty's American Contemporaries.

Admiral Sir David BEATTY, who has been appointed to command the British grand fleet in succession to Sir JOHN JELLICOE, is 45. Of the twentyfour Rear Admirals of the United States navy listed in the Navy and Marine Corps Register of January 1 the youngest was born in 1858, or thirteen years before BEATTY; every man jack of them is older than Admiral Jellicoe, who at 57 becomes First Sea Lord. In the same list it appears that not one of the ninety Captains in our navy is as young as Sir David, Among our Commanders his contemporaries are found.

Herein is disclosed one of the pecultarities of the American service: in a country that boasts it is a young the Evening Post, after recording a man's nation, in which the industrial visit of Colonel E. M. House to the dead line of the forties is much talked White House, during which he "spent about, where the hard lot of those some time with Counsellor Polk of whose temples show white is lamented. the State Department and Ambassa. the command of the first line of dedor Genand," adds significantly: "It fence is in the hands of men years for peace by President Wilson will land now places the highest responsi-

> The situation is not new. It has been the subject of interminable depened to emphasize it so strongly as the promotion of the man who commanded the battle cruisers in the Jutland battle of May 31.

We Give Thanks for Joffre

We give thanks for JOYURE. Against the sombre background of war, this figure of a simple and devoted man stands out a symbol of democracy triumphant. In his person is supplied not be inefficient. His career demonstrates the folly of those who conceive popular institutions incapable international, inevitably must hamstring the nation that harbors and en-

arise, bring forward his counterpart. as one meal furnished by the Cologne In the freedom that gives it to all authorities. men to establish themselves where their talents, their industry, their a criterion for those who desire to ob-JOFFRE rose step by step to the heavy satisfy the pulnte as well as the eye. burden he bears to-day. The unusual For these individuals THE SUN has short, stout man, with a head so large with our present mode of living, other teach them to repeat with you the prayer genius of the man found ample op- published the investigations of Mr. that "it gave him the appearance of wise the mortality from heart disease portunity for expression; and it won F. C. Gebhart of the Russell Sage In-being cut out of one piece." He was and diseases of the circulatory system recognition. Thus where Joffee has stitute, who gave a choice of 184 a busy man, concerned not only with would not increase so rapidly. recognition. Thus where Jorran has stitute, who gave a choice of 184 a busy man, content of 184 a busy hassadors, Envoys, Ministers or other diplomatic representatives of the United States Government, and not which his peculiar abilities best fitted that an ample supply of appetizing food may be furnished at about 40 Chicago Board of Health, which show that an ample supply of appetizing food may be furnished at about 40 Chicago Board of Health, which show that an ample supply of appetizing food may be furnished at about 40 Chicago Board of Health, which show that an ample supply of appetizing food may be furnished at about 40 Chicago Board of Health, which show that an ample supply of appetizing food may be furnished at about 40 Chicago Board of Health, which show that an ample supply of appetizing food may be furnished at about 40 Chicago Board of Health, which show that an ample supply of appetizing food may be furnished at about 40 Chicago Board of Health, which show that an ample supply of appetizing food may be furnished at about 40 Chicago Board of Health, which show that an ample supply of appetizing food may be furnished at about 40 Chicago Board of Health, which show that an ample supply of appetizing food may be furnished at about 40 Chicago Board of Health, which show that an ample supply of appetizing food may be furnished at about 40 Chicago Board of Health, which show that an ample supply of appetizing food may be furnished at about 40 Chicago Board of Health, which show that an ample supply of appetizing food may be furnished at about 40 Chicago Board of Health, which show that an ample supply of appetizing food may be furnished at about 40 Chicago Board of Health, which show that an ample supply of appetizing food may be furnished at about 40 Chicago Board of Health, which show that an ample supply of appetizing food may be furnished at about 40 Chicago Board of Health, which show that a means of lighting. With all these dentity of the food may be formed to the food ma ent working secretly in the dark.

There is no authority of law for ercise of military skill; to that grave of the present high cost of living lecturers in Dr. Sweet's years at the China; also where fifty grains of salt college. ner contemplated; and if there was, theory and essential processes of the telligence in the purchase and prep-

owes allegiance. The one is bound In JOFFRE we see the complete democrat. His personal successes have reasonable economy, come from his qualities, unfettered by caste prejudice. He achieved the There is no place for this new Up- honors and the labors that are his because the prize of crushing responsibilities under popular institutions lies open to all. Nor has he been deceived as to his greatness. It is the The value of good roads as a means greatness of the instrument best fitted of increasing the comfort and enjoy- to the work at hand; the greatness ment of those who use them and of that another may take from him when developing rural communities and the the task is changed and the nation business of small trade centres has he serves requires an agent of differ-

been frequently discussed. The De- ent training for a new purpose. He partment of Agriculture has endeav- will be supplanted; he has clearly set ored to express this value in dollars forth the inevitableness of his reand cents by giving the results of a tirement, perhaps even before the series of investigations to show the great work he has so wonderfully beeffect of improved highways upon ad- gun and carried on reaches complete and final triumph; and he faces that The Department has had special- eventuality, not in the mood of a man lsts of the office of Public Roads and who can discern among his associates Rural Engineering make an economic and subordinates no worthy successurvey in eight counties in each of sor, but with the satisfied assurance the years from 1910 to 1915. Four of a leader who knows that from the year with his invariable joke; counties were chosen in Virginia, one same field that produced him others Thus JOFFRE fittingly commands our will be appreciated."

administering human affairs that re-In Spottsylvania county, Virginia, pose in his hands his great authority money for it. seven farms sold in 1912 showed an and fill his mind with confidence as to increase of from 37 to 116 per cent. the suitability of his advancing sucshowed an increase of 70 per cent.; its great exemplar every democrat

Efficiency and Waste in Food.

From one end of the land to the to be the theme of conversation and ment added at least \$5 to each acre published comment. Public apprehension is even taking the form of pro-In Franklin county, this State, the posals to place an embargo on the ex-

roads to bituminous macadam was | Since bread is the staff of life and were as good as so much gold. Now followed by an increase averaging wheat its chief basis, the public may the pastor gets \$2,000 a year, which they come of a breed that will can't they some of a breed that will can't they come of a breed that will can't they can be completed to the can't they can be completed to the can't they can be can't they can be can't they \$12.50 an acre. In Manatee county, find some comfort in the fact that does not seem to buy as much as such Florids, a study of sales and real from the wheat belt in Kansas comes a sum used to and he has to purchase actute records indicated that the im- the cheering news that forty per cent. his own coal and wood, spare ribs

proved roads had added at least \$5 of the crop of that State is still in the and potatoes. It is a question whether bins, most of it being held for \$2 a he is really as well off. bushel and that the indifference of The donation party Western farmers to the cultivation of because public sentiment condemned wheat, because of its low price during it as something intolerably resembling several years prior to 1918, has been charity. The cry was all to pay the emoved. The pendulum appears to pastor and pay him adequately. But e swinging in the opposite direction. we may soon see the tide setting the wheat, even as late as the first of this serve bank note compared with half a nonth, so that it may reach ten millon acres in Kansas, nearly seventeen per cent. in excess of any previous acreage. The same proportion is reported all over the West. In Kansas rain and snow over the wheat belt have made the growing crop more promising than in almost any previous fall. It is some consolution, therefore, to reflect that bread promises to be cheaper next year. Until that time, however, it is well to practise economy in food.

That the people of this country are as wasteful of food as they are of all other valuable things needs no demon stration. THE SUN has adverted to the fact that in our cities, especially, much valuable food is sacrificed in the garbage cans. But this is a small matter compared to the inefficiency in evidence in the conservation and preparation of food in the ordinary house hold, especially among the laboring classes, to whom economy must be absolutely vital. Ignorance of the value of different kinds of bread and different portions of meat is to be especially

Many profitable lessons of the Euro pean war are presented in the various economies which the contending nations are compelled to practise. We have occasionally alluded to some of these. They are especially notable as is generally believed that any move older than the officer on whom Eng- arising in Germany, by reason of the avowed purpose of the Allies to starve its people into defeat. An example of German efficiency in the matter of food preparation is presented in a rebate. But seldom has anything hap-cent description by a correspondent of the Associated Press who describes the wholesale feeding of the population of Cologne by the municipal authorities as an "astonishing" feat. It is stated that several hundred thousand persons are supplied with six meals for 50 livers the food in tightly sealed cans at the same temperature in which it left the kitchen. The cleanliness and appetizing quality of the food are the proof that rule by the people need testified to by the popularity of these daily dinners.

That American efficiency is not far below that of the Germans is eviof producing and utilizing merit and denced in a statement by Mrs. Mrs. ability. He lays the fear that in the VII DEWEY in a recent number of the hour of supreme need the petty in- Journal of Home Economics with triguers whose selfish machinations in regard to feeding the inmates of normal times constitute the greater this State's four prisons. At Clinton of his time. Dr. Sweet recalls that Sir proportion of politics, domestic and prison the average cost per capita Astley Cooper, the English surgeon. for three daily meals was 8.1 cents: Breakfast, oatmeal with milk, bread and coffee; dinner, pork and beans. JOFFRE is not an accident. He is brend and coffee; supper, bread and the product of republican France; be coffee. Here we have three meals encourages the faith that republican containing probably all the nutritive America would, should emergency units required, costing about the same

employing Colonel House in the man-task is added the vindication of the leads to the application of more in college theory and essential processes of the system of government to which he aration of food valuable lessons will on materia medica and therapeuties hogs, rabbits, &c., is to paralyze the be derived from the realization that says Dr. Sweet, "but he pursued to up with the other; and Jorrae has we are suffering from the excessive their lairs the hidden causes of morthe victim dies of asphyxia. If this is cost of high living, which may be biffe action." And, adds Dr. Sweet with the result of the consumption of salt readily diminished by the exercise of is interesting to reflect at this time

The Donation Party. A serious question presents itself

Should not the old fashioned donation party be revived?

of us is not?-will understand that the reference is to those festival gatherings at the minister's house at which all members of the congregaa contribution for the pastor. There answer as to my own affairs. were the members of the Ladies Aid. who brought feather beds and afghans alternate years; there was the richest farmer, whose hired man drove up to the parsonage with a wagon- legally. He was quite a young man mest it withdraws the meat juices and load of potatoes; there was Mrs. ROWRIGHEE, the widow, who always

"Well, I see you've all brought so than I do. much that I don't suppose my presence

upon the territory within a distance thanksgiving to-day. The system that Only old Azarian Quirk stayed of one mile on each side of the roads put him where he is, the methods of away because he could not bear to part with anything without getting

window as his flock drew near, used

"Timeo Danaos et dona ferentes" which, freely rendered, meant: "I fear my heathen, especially when they come bearing gifts."

We certainly brought some articles But well of extremely doubtful utility to the parsonage in those days. The mistress of the manse stood sometimes embarrassed at the fancy embroidered tra-la-lees with which the ladies of the congregation showered her. But To put on the list in our Temple of Fame. the vegetables, the firewood and coal

The donation party was abolished other way. What is a Federal rehog fresh killed and dressed? Never theless it is plain that the donation party could only be restored in rural

VILLA says he wants to establish democratic party in Mexico. Who's his

city dwellers cannot afford.

communities. Though their safe de-

posit boxes be filled with securities

there are some forms of generosity

The Rumanians may comfort them selves with the thought that the Ser ians were tlown and out but are now doing big stunts in Macedonia.

Friends of temperance will be pleased to note that Dahomey is reforming quantity of spirits imported by that famous land has been reduced f per cent, since 1913. As it buys more kerosene than ever, the colony may have gone in for culture. The fac that its imports of soap have fallen nearly one-half has no bearing on the matter.

Not the least among our reasons to day for gratitude is that we escaped another Hayes-Tilden controversy

The Kaiser will send to President set of the works of American authors Secretary Baker is worried at the possibility that certain writings of John Fiske may be in the package.

Turkey in Europe fares better for at east one day than turkey in America.

A NEW YORK MEDICAL COL-

LEGE IN THE SIXTIES. In the '60s the home of the University Medical College was on the site where Tammany Hall now stands. It did not coddle its students as coleges do nowadays, according to the escription given by Dr. A. L. Sweet of Geneva, N. Y., in the Medical Rec The building was supposed to cents a week, from a kitchen which de- have a furnace, but the young medies wore their overcoats at winter lectures by honest discussion and by a fair test and in the intervals they boxed or of the constitutionality of the Adamson jumped about to keep circulation law the law will have to stand.

still lecturing, although he was born dices or barbed innuendoes! in 1785. His medical museum was in the building, and Dr. Sweet regards loss to the profession. Dr. Mott always illustrated his lectures on the cadaver. and in fact, he never performed any operation of importance without first any man living or that has ever lived." | says; Dr. Mott lectured almost to the time of his death in 1865.

Fourteenth street was Professor Draper, the first to take a photograph of

"He wrote before the days of germs." disease, applied his remedies and cured the germ which had caused all the

THE BAILEY FAMILY.

Any one with forefathers-and who One of Its Distinguished Members.

Mr. Bailey having adopted Jimmie when salt, is it unreasonable to suppose it his name from McGuinness to Bailey We know that when sait is was about 3 years old. My brother from the time he became

lage humorist, came stamping in each world knows. I think Miss Markham is dead, but I

am not sure. You probably know better than I do. FRANKIE HAILEY. of the circulatory system? CENTURY THEATRE, November 29.

Up-State News Condensation From the Aron Herald. Emperor Franz Joseph of Austria, and Jack London, the writer, are both dead.

The minister, peering out of the Duffy? Who's Duffy? Haven't you heard Of Duffy, whose name is a national word? They told him to lower our flag on his mast. But Duffy was true to his trust to the last.

> Our steamer may sink, and these Austrians brag: go with our ship if they insuit

Parragut, Perry, Lawrence and Jones Had what Captain Duffy has got in his His ship has gone down, but we've now Her crew and her captain should ever be fo the end that Old Glory be still at the

MR. WILSON'S COURSE AS TO THE BROTHERHOODS.

A Citisen Who Did Not Approve It Defends the President's Good Faith. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT: WIL

ou allow me a word of protest concern ing Professor Ladd's comment as to the I did not vote for Mr. Wilson, but

States are in loyalty and honor bound States fairly and to uphold his hands n every reasonable way in the peculiar perplexities that confront him. I wish to maintain that there is abse

lutely no warrant in anything Presiden Wilson has said or done to imply that ers or that he had or has any such sinister thought or purpose in mind as Professor Ladd discusses. add is beating a man of straw!

President Wilson has from the outset stated his position very plainly in these as a chip. labor matters. I did not agree with him and do not now approve the atti-Adamson bill. I felt. itisens felt, that if he had put the reponsibility directly ailroad men for the threatened strike. referred them to public opinion, and then left them to face the people, the strike would not have occurred. I do not believe that any such ody of men when a real test conthe country or risk the reaction of such

But that was only an opinion. No nan knew what would happen. President Wilson had a different opinion. He verily believed that if Congress did not act the strike would come with far reaching disaster and public suffering

Now the problem comes up again, The solution was only deferred. Presdent Wilson has repeatedly stated his full programme of action, and he will the fullest presentation of his programme for public consideration.

I sincerely protest against these implications upon the honor of the Presi dent of the United States: these innuengain or under manifest political obliga

President Wilson is entitled to the presumption of good faith, however individuals may disagree with his views or fair us toogramme.

The famous Dr. Valentine Mott was law, not of personal opinions or preju-NEW HAVEN, Conn., November 27.

HOW EVIL IS SALT? A Suggestion That Its Excessive Use Leads to Many Diseases,

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT was interested in reading in THE St an editorial article on the causes of said of Mott that he had performed death, in which you quote from the mormore of the great operations than tality statistics for 1915. The article

Another great man of the college in in this summary. Heart diseases, which are considered in many cases a manifesta-tion of the severity of the struggle to the human face, the face of his sister, get rich, to keep up appearances to burn is t Dorothy Catherine Draper. He was the candle at both ends, are placed first age professor of chemistry, and later be-came president of the college. The students liked Professor Draper, even though his physical aversion to to-

help to Morse, and with electricity as I have in my possession clippings from Thy university will will a dog. The action of sait on animal sinks to the ground. Later the the result of the consumption of salt that he sought the ultimate causes of by animals, is it unreasonable to suppose that if a child was fed sait cured his patients in otter ignorance of meats, salted codfish and had a habit of adding salt to everything it partook of. it might be a factor in the causation of

poliomyelitis? It has been demonstrated frequently whereas but fifteen grains are utilized TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Miss grains of salt a day that must be elimi-Hazel Dawn handed me the enclosed nated through three channels, namely, clipping last night at the theatre. As the tear ducts, sweat glands and the cold Johnny Boy' didn't give any ad- kidneys. We know that the tear ducts have always been done that way. tion were expected to be present with dress, if you want you can give him my are not senerally overworked, neither are the sweat glands, and if the kidneys Mr. J. A. Bailey was the adopted son are faulty in eliminating this excessive of my stepfather, Colonel Fred H. Bailey.

We know that when sait is used on when Mr. Bailey, Sr., married my mother, hardens the muscle fibres and that its ! action on live tissue is the same as i is on dead tissue. We also know that came bringing a pan of scalloped Mr. Barnum's partner was the head and salt is dehydrating. Knowing these systers. Tom Merrington, the vil- brains of the whole thing, as the whole facts, is it unreasonable to believe that the excessive consumption of sait is a prime factor in the causation of hard-

I think these are questions well wor-H. L. HARRIS.

NEW YORK, November 28.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir.

Women No Worse Than Men as Ama

am pleased to know that Mr. Charles II. home made wills, printed in THE SUN Duffy was shot down. He cried to his on November 9. At the conclusion of his article in THE SUN of November 13 "We'll fight for Old Glory, whatever they he says: "But still more amazing that this often disastrous act is done more frequently by men than by women. My observation covering a period of

sixteen or seventeen years and going to the matter of fully 15,000 wills leads me to say that as many women as men draw their own wills. Sex has nothing to do with the offence. One does it as frequently and as hadly as the other. home made will is a home made will, be it the product of man's brain or JOHN D. ANDERSON. NEWARK, N. J. November 29.

A Tarker Epitaph.

CABBAGE CHEMISTRY.

Bolled With the Dinner, the Vegetable Is Hard to Digest.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: In boiled dinner controversy your one or two absolute misstatements. To say that cabbage is "far more palatable and digestible if thoroughly is untrue. Cooking cabbage causes & tritious and difficult of digestion. The dor of cooking cabbage advertises the fact. It is so disagreeable, penetrating and hard to get rid of that one can hardly use the word "odor" to express it. There is a much more forceful word

On the other hand, cabbage is "served raw in strips like excelsior" is digest-

The corned beef also is neither nor "nourishing." The best nomical" part of it has gone off into the brine and what remains is about as nutritious In the hands of a skilful New Eng-

land housewife the boiled dinner may ude he took as to the passage of the be a pleasing innovation on the regular fare occasionally, but that is about all Corned beef was a makeshift in the

storage. We no longer have the necessity but we retain the habit and custom as we do in many other things A DOWN EAST YANKEE. Boston, Mass., November 27

TAGORE'S GOSPEL

Not New, but Newly Stated for This Age by His Genius.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir editorial article on Tagore's teachings was a disappointment to at least one of claimed no knowledge of his "gospel" wholly coherent" of his addresses, yet it leads the uninformed reader to believe that Tagore teaches a philosophy that attempt to carry it out. There is has "nothingness for its avatar," and nothing secret or sinister about it, but that he is indifferent to the concept of "duty," the hallmark of the Western raking leaves and answered her

Nothing could be much further from the truth. Yet it is easily possible that the report of Tagore's brief addresses teach but one sub-section of his imnense subject) might puzzle a reporter who had not a fairly good knowledge of Eastern religions, a thorough acquaintance with Tagore's previous writings, a data of modern science and the theories of epistemology, an understanding of that phase of materialistic monism which though repudiated by sound Western philosophy is the real working tool of day. the modern Western mind, and, lastly comprehension of the parabolic though habit of the East.

If the reporters assigned to write the "story" of Tagore's addresses lacked one or two of these items of learning it would account for the misleading tone of the article. Yet we who love Tue Sux that shines for all must insist that I shall never diffuse darkness for light must insist that it illuminate greatness and truth. Eastern or Western it finds it; that it make beauty more beautiful, goodness better and spirituality more desirable. Eastern or Westexpress themselves.

deeds, a great poet, a great prophet And his "gospel," though nothing new burn is newly stated by his genius for this

poems of "Gitanjali," and show them to Perhaps you may even

stavely give. This is our prayer to Tues, tet us once for all distoigs from our minds the feeble famp that would make out Thy joy to be a thing apart from action, thin, formless and unsustained.

That prayer can scarcely be said to have "nothingness for its avatar," WILLIAM SAMPEL JOHNSON, MAMARONECK. November 28.

ROOF TANKS UNSIGHTLY Might We Not Have a Sky Line of Beautiful Domes and Towers?

To THE POSTOR OF THE SEX - SEC. Why do architects build palatini apartment bouses with gilded lobbles and swell bis business eithed, as his business. Mr. Mintell got up and source fronts, often rights covered with stone fronts, often richly covered with stone carvings, and then perch, unenglosed and by investigators that the average daily stilled high on the roofs, water tanks, generally painted red or black, that car by the system. Therefore there are 285 Because they lack the courage and in the tive to do differently from what all the

> While the building laws and fire laws require an elevation of so many feet hightly roof tanks be put into domes towers, turrets, effects of Grecian piltreatment that would grow naturally

After this became customary beautiful domes and towers instead of a blot on the face of the day. factorylike tanks that smite every eye for beauty a deadly blow

NEW YORK, November 27.

For banks. Pranks.

Ranks.

Brief Thanksgiving Poem.

Tanks. Tanks. M. LANDSTRON WILSON.

English Sallor's Three Strips.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIE: It Admiralty as a hadge of mourning for Nelson. This country and others have

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LITTLE SKETCHES OF LIFE AND HU. MAN CHARACTER.

I.-THIS DAY.

day's washing and ironing and re- cold as ice toward her. She bit her lip ceived happily \$1.50 for her work, made a courtesy to her employer, Mrs. Thompson, spoke to the Persian cat. whom she called "Pretty creature!" took her through the centre of the village, built on land which her father had sold for a song and which is now worth hundreds of thousands. Mrs. Squires stopped at one of the stores which do not deliver goods and there-She bought a quarter of a pound of tea and half a pound of a substitute for butter. Bread she had at home. She lived with her brother, who was past 70, ten years older than herself, and rather senile. Such property as but it was all gone to wrack and ruin Coming home one day in the fall Mrs. Squires had found him sobbing childishly. He had just returned house they lived in. Mrs. Squires pet-

She might have cried berself as she ooked back on the years which had robbed her of her husband and their child as well as of the money which would have meant not merely comfort but positive affluence. But she seldom what feeble energy was all taken up with working out by the day and looking after her brother. Through it all she preserved such an air of her good birth and breeding, such a genu our readers. It is true that the article, ine and unconscious humility, such a manner as are hardly to be found now outside of the pages of Charles Dickens.

When she arrived home with her purchases Emma Squires was very tired. Her brother was in the yard sently. She toiled up the stairs to the little room which was hers and on the single kerosene burner made a weak ing that he had made cup of tea. She ate a little bread when he picked her to be his life's spread with the imitation butter and partner. Then her distress stirred drank the beverage. How delicious it pity. By her side he assured her that As she was smoothing down tasted! the bit of lace she wore at her throat doubted if he himself could have conception of the meaning of the giving Day. She would have liked to As by a great flash of lightner but that was impossible. So, alone by

II .- A WAY AROUND.

Things began to go unsatisfactorily with the Vanes about three years was successful in business with such friends noticed anything wrong. Every time they met him it was necessary to congratulate him anew upon the money he was making, the handsome louse he had bought uptown. junior partnership in an important banking house, his charming children, boy and a girl; and, if you knew him intimately enough, his wife.

remarkable when she appeared in pub- that could be deferred. "at the opera or other social gath- they must take would lead them erings" as one wit expressed it. It was poise without pose; and in her unaffected manner. utterance, her kindliness, even old ac- to the word. Mary Vane returned anxieties, no stern resolution bred by distrust of the future. Can a giorious present give pledges for what is ahead? Ah, no, those pledges have to Only Mary Vane knew her hus-

apparent with that statement of fact, with talk of my young days. The weakness of which a man is didn't get a word in. But those to Tais is our prayer to Tues attended by ironic and ridiculous Mr. Mintell sat down. When he was episodes. He lost money because he twelve! could not believe it possible that he should make mistakes of judgment. The street deep in wet red clay, I-His egoism was so subtle that for a and rain. His own face at the allong time his partners had not disclow, looking out. A man stagger oriminated nicely in regard to it. They home on the plank sidewalk, he rather admired Vane's self-confidence him a child wearing a snawl, and faculty for going ahead. But lamp lighted and smelling. Suwhen some of his investments turned with a bowl of much which out body they were surprised at the satisfy hunger not quite untidistinuely he showed. And a man time. Two books to read in all

> rumor got about, as such things al- climb up the parrow stair to elibed his prestige dwindled. It is summons for his wife. curious how, when the descent begins, sweaters, gloves and skares from the each slip causes a worse one. At the ball rack and started for a frozen p end of the fifth year of their married. Mintell was whistling through be gralife the Vanes had left the uptown mustache. house. The property was in Mary I It comes but once.

SPARROW, THE ASSASSIN.

No Entomological Statistics Are Needed to Reveal His Nature.

lared temples, cupolas covered with red goldfinch on its first morning out of its tiled roofs, or lattice work or some nest is a moment of heauty. To watch goldfinch on its first morning out of its little dead wrens on the ground from the plan of the building into the the tiny silken olive ball is a most precious privilege. To have that moment broken into by

would have a city with a sky line of an English sparrow assassin is to put As I watched one morning a tine wild canary, delighting in this little speck of Sun of Therday : The

Will some architect please start the new life as it perched so courageously riation of the Fifth New York to reform? Other cities might follow after upon a twig, an English male sparrow, teer Infantry, "Durise's Zouases. wings aslant and head outstretched, its regular monthly meetings struck the little bird and knocked it to Sixty-minth Regiment Armory on the ground, where the sparrow dropped and Thursday evenings. The to complete its murderous purpose. I growing thin and we were irove the sparrow away - mild punish. make seven a quorum to be ment for so dastardly a deed-white holding a business meeting the parent goldfinen flew to the rescue

> Through the day I kept quiet guard sear the spirea bush, and in the morning I heard the little bird, confidence re stored, sounding its high, sweet call; glad to hear from his breadful silence. I found the parent ands in the apple trees, but there was so more of those Joyous undulating flights to feed a little one, no wild sweet singing; a melancholy sadness filled the apple boughs and I knew their little one! was dead.

A family of wrens lived in a tiny box nurses were so kind and attentive. true, nevertheless, that the white of a house in an oak tree. There were strips were first put on the English sail- four little ones until the English sparorman's jacket to commemorate Nelson's rows killed them. The last I saw of victories-the Nile, Copenhagen the poor parent birds they were surand Trafalgar-and that the black silk rounded by a flock of English sparrows eckerchief was ordered by the British and fighting for their lives. I could not watch that trageds and manual to past up the little birds already dead. The next year no wrens came and

next year no wrens came and the English sparrows found the box too small for them, so a wasp lived there.

Vane's name. She sold it and refused to give her husband the money. He Emma Squires, having finished a was alternately hot with wrath and to keep from crying and took him and

the city, where she bought a farm. This farm stretched back from the shore of a pond in a neglected region away from the principal towns and on one servant, a country girl. She saved a few pieces of mahogany. She took the place with a small mortgage, retaining enough money to buy some necessary farm equipment and to sup. port them for two years without borrowing. Then she set to work to learn the business upon which she had staked the happiness of four people.

was in nowise different from that of pilgrimage to the land. The difficulty

was with her husband. Vane had accused his wife of being the town house had been in her name, but that was nothing except the usual protective device. issue thus raised Mary Vane was for a long while silent; but at length she

confronted her husband. "I have not done this for my sake" she told him, "but principally for the sake of the children. You have tried " she did not say "failed." finished gently, "and done your headling of the give me my chance." He thought her outrageous

With the aid of a farmer who

ting through the first two yearout disaster. Her husband, ide angrily indifferent for long, wamoved by the sight of her sufferings ing she broke down. She was crown when he came in about supper time "I've been wrong," she told him He felt this first as an obscure reflection

have gone to church in the morning, playing about the intense front of in words he saw himself clearly revealed she knelt down and thanked for an instant. And when the mo-God for His many mercies to her this mentary illumination had ceased and left him groping in mental darkness he could feel about him the shattered remnants of the idol the lightning had riven. Were these poor fragshipped? For a long time afternar, he found himself putting the pieces together and bowing down before them, but even as he made ha

> Last summer the contractors on the State road fenced off a portion of the highway where they Gregory Vane, driving back with wife from a survey of a large fr orchard which they had decided he saw the barrier ahead. buy certain articles of furniture rectly home. It was carefully mark

"Not for us," said Vane, point smile. She needed no longer to of it as such

III.-IT COMES BUT ONCE

The got to dress and be off to a I hope I haven't bored you must fell me of the fun

A little house in a factory tox who loses money has no place in a house, and he had read them two banking house times. His tired grandmother of Vane set up independently, but the him to go to the pump for water

He and his large family were undirturbed.

I need no statistics committed to some dry entomology, to tell me of characteristics of the English was To the Elector of The Sun-Sir: That I have my open eyes, my east moment in which you look upon a baby lefted song of the wild can be

ROSLIN, November 27.

The Thinned Ranks of Duryce's old Zonaves.

boys, of whom I was one. We him uniforms and colored point James B. Fiske, Mrs. West To the secretary of the association.

Mount Vernon, November 12

tution.

last week, was discharged, but all and wishes that he could go back here as to Well Groomed Missouri Pair The announcement is made of the trace of E. A. Carre and Miss :

tiano Art. Adventisement term the Bour Stores

Let me mount your head and to